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Regeneration work in Sundarapatti village

* 2014 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the expenditure incurred by the Government on the regeneration work in Sundarapatti village, Pulvayal Vattam, Kolathur taluk, Pudukkottai division, Tiruchirappalli district;

(*b*) when the work was begun; and

(*c*) what are the primary results?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) An expenditure amounting to Rs. 1,873–7–6 has been incurred.

" (*b*) On 25th May 1953.

" (*c*) The plantation in general is not a success due to the interference by the villagers residing in the vicinity of Sundarapatti as well as to natural causes such as paucity of rain in the year of planting."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" In view of this work at this spot being the bone of acute contention between the officials and the villagers concerned, was not the Hon. Minister invited to visit the spot to form an unbiassed opinion about it? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have discussed this matter with the officers concerned on a representation from some of the people when I visited Pudukkottai. I had no doubt that certain villagers also had behaved very badly. They had even sought to remove the seedlings. Anyhow I have asked the department to get the whole matter examined and see how this area could be demarcated."

Balussery Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited.

* 2015 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Balusseri Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, North Malabar, has now been superseded; and

(*b*) if so, for what reasons?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In the statement it is stated, ' A sum of Rs. 18,225 was drawn from the Society's funds during the period from 13th September to 8th October 1954 for which no vouchers are forthcoming except for a sum of Rs. 910. When the District Supply Officer wanted to verify the cash balances the President evaded it by saying that the key of the safe was with the Secretary who was absent.' This long statement

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does not contain anything in respect of the action taken against the President. He happens to be a Congress leader and a newly elected Congress member of the Malabar District Board. Is it because of this that no reference is made to him in this statement? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The question put by the hon. Member was whether the society had been superseded and if so, for what reasons. The answer has been furnished."

Fixation of price for " varam paddy "

* 2016 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the price fixed for the varam paddy under section 50 (1) of the Malabar Tenancy Act;

(*b*) if the price fixed by the Government was lower than the market price, the reasons for such fixation; and

(*c*) when the price of paddy was fixed for the months of October and November 1954 under section 50 (1) of the Malabar Tenancy Act?

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In the original of the question, in clause (*b*) the word ' higher ' was given instead of ' lower.' Anyhow the answer placed on the table is appropriate. The question may be corrected with the ' word ' higher ' in the place of lower '."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I do not know if the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer that with the correction."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The answer placed on the table is all right, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I do not know whether it is the printer's devil or Sri Nambiar's . . ." (Laughter.)

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Not Nambiar's devil ! "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The answer [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The answer placed on the table refers only to the average price. But that does not matter. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to say how this variation is in favour of the landlords? There is a difference of Rs. 10 between the market price and the price fixed for the varam paddy. How does it happen? Can any remedy be found to save the tenants? "

[a] **Printed as Appendix IV on page 758 infra.**